

REMARKS

The claims are claims 1, 2, 4 and 5.

The application has been amended to update the status of the co-pending applications cited at page 1 and to correct a minor error.

Claims 1, 4 and 5 are amended. Claim 3 is canceled. Claim 1 is amended to include the corrections noted in paragraph 1 of the OFFICE ACTION and to include the limitations of canceled claim 3. Claims 4 and 5 are amended to depend upon claim 1 rather than canceled claim 3.

Paragraph 6 of the OFFICE ACTION stated that claims 3 to 5 would be allowable if rewritten independent of the rejected base claim. Claim 1 is amended to include all the limitations of claim 3. Amended claim 1 is thus allowable. Claims 4 and 5 are amended to depend upon claim 1 and are thus also allowable.

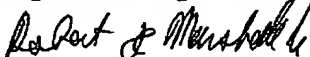
Claim 2 is allowable by dependent upon allowable claim 1.

The Applicants respectfully submit that all the present claims are allowable for the reasons set forth above. Therefore early reconsideration and advance to issue are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or other correspondence regarding this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the below listed telephone number and address to facilitate prosecution.

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